

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Only candidates running as members of one of California's seven qualified political parties are eligible to participate in the primary election process. Thus, the independent nomination provisions of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 8300, were established to provide a method for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates to partisan public offices. There is no limitation to the number of independent candidates who can be nominated and placed on the ballot at the general election, provided each meets the legal requirements.

To be eligible as an independent candidate at the general election, the potential candidate:

- 1) Cannot have filed as a partisan candidate at the primary election and have been defeated for the party's nomination at that primary election; and,
- 2) Cannot have been registered to vote in California since October 5, 2001, as being affiliated with a qualified political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, or Reform).

The number of signatures of qualified registered voters which must appear on the nomination papers of persons seeking an independent candidacy is based on the previous general election's registration figures. Depending on the office sought, nomination papers require either one or three percent of the number of registered voters in the election jurisdiction as of October 10, 2000. The charts on the following pages provide the specific signature requirements for each district.

Independent candidates for state constitutional, legislative and Insurance Commissioner offices are required to file declarations of intention during the pre-primary filing period for partisan candidates (October 29 – November 7, 2001).

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**Independent Candidates for Statewide Offices and Board of Equalization
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 5, 2002 General Election Ballot^①**

Office	January 2002 Registration	Signatures Required
Governor	15,243,600	152,436
Lieutenant Governor	15,243,600	152,436
Secretary of State	15,243,600	152,436
Controller	15,243,600	152,436
Treasurer	15,243,600	152,436
Attorney General	15,243,600	152,436
Insurance Commissioner	15,243,600	152,436
<u>Board of Equalization^②</u>		
District One	4,073,926	122,218
District Two	3,731,060	111,932
District Three	3,778,790	113,364
District Four	3,659,824	109,795

① Independent candidates for statewide office need registered voter signatures equaling 1% of the previous general election's registration total.

② Board of Equalization candidates need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the entire number of registered voters in the district. §8400

Because of redistricting this year, the signature requirements are based on the total registration as of January 4, 2002.

**Independent Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 5, 2002 General Election Ballot***

District	Jan 2002 Registration	Signatures Required**	District	Jan 2002 Registration	Signatures Required**
1	323,474	9,705	27	295,019	8,851
2	319,256	9,578	28	242,573	7,278
3	340,378	10,212	29	315,794	9,474
4	365,192	10,956	30	416,777	12,504
5	281,304	8,440	31	183,376	5,502
6	339,143	10,175	32	237,259	7,118
7	275,779	8,274	33	299,537	8,987
8	370,967	11,130	34	184,974	5,550
9	327,985	9,840	35	257,937	7,739
10	331,961	9,959	36	338,578	10,158
11	310,386	9,312	37	268,194	8,046
12	321,425	9,643	38	235,218	7,057
13	260,218	7,807	39	243,154	7,295
14	322,270	9,669	40	278,456	8,354
15	278,852	8,366	41	269,479	8,085
16	244,513	7,336	42	311,487	9,345
17	262,234	7,868	43	184,632	5,539
18	240,818	7,225	44	262,700	7,881
19	296,752	8,903	45	251,418	7,543
20	177,780	5,334	46	354,988	10,650
21	238,740	7,163	47	161,232	4,837
22	310,289	9,309	48	349,572	10,488
23	305,160	9,155	49	269,945	8,099
24	353,884	10,617	50	339,633	10,189
25	278,901	8,368	51	244,938	7,349
26	329,445	9,884	52	341,493	10,245
			53	298,131	8,944

* Independent candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district. Because of redistricting this year, the signature requirements are based on the registration as of January 4, 2002.

**Independent Candidates for State Senate
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 5, 2002 General Election Ballot***

District	January 2002 Registration	Signatures Required**
2	435,980	13,080
4	440,865	13,226
6	381,939	11,459
8	427,902	12,838
10	338,760	10,163
12	318,137	9,545
14	402,465	12,074
16	234,144	7,025
18	360,849	10,826
20	280,569	8,418
22	229,301	6,880
24	310,695	9,321
26	383,650	11,510
28	446,813	13,405
30	302,177	9,066
32	249,516	7,486
34	232,809	6,985
36	442,177	13,266
38	398,326	11,950
40	276,357	8,291

* Independent candidates for State Senate need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district. Because of redistricting this year, the signature requirements are based on the registration as of January 4, 2002.

**Independent Candidates for State Assembly
Number of Signatures Required to Place Candidate
on November 5, 2002 General Election Ballot***

District	January 2002 Registration	Signatures Required**	District	January 2002 Registration	Signatures Required**
1	229,883	6,897	41	248,769	7,464
2	206,853	6,206	42	273,502	8,206
3	228,453	6,854	43	202,547	6,077
4	231,311	6,940	44	232,396	6,972
5	223,391	6,702	45	136,253	4,088
6	228,462	6,854	46	94,866	2,846
7	203,149	6,095	47	225,115	6,754
8	184,132	5,524	48	143,165	4,295
9	183,410	5,503	49	154,403	4,633
10	214,083	6,423	50	123,791	3,714
11	195,430	5,863	51	173,239	5,198
12	216,155	6,485	52	137,878	4,137
13	261,315	7,840	53	256,397	7,692
14	236,224	7,087	54	236,201	7,087
15	235,791	7,074	55	176,662	5,300
16	195,828	5,875	56	166,394	4,992
17	162,995	4,890	57	169,594	5,088
18	181,389	5,442	58	176,110	5,284
19	207,491	6,225	59	219,548	6,587
20	169,413	5,083	60	208,083	6,243
21	228,744	6,863	61	128,960	3,869
22	179,681	5,391	62	118,446	3,554
23	134,554	4,037	63	180,432	5,413
24	208,805	6,265	64	186,081	5,583
25	204,293	6,129	65	182,363	5,471
26	176,004	5,281	66	173,524	5,206
27	214,960	6,449	67	217,845	6,536
28	145,114	4,354	68	173,160	5,195
29	194,553	5,837	69	97,356	2,921
30	116,405	3,493	70	232,087	6,963
31	129,063	3,872	71	203,526	6,106
32	206,186	6,186	72	176,162	5,285
33	208,934	6,269	73	199,800	5,994
34	147,720	4,432	74	210,838	6,326
35	224,027	6,721	75	224,996	6,750
36	172,517	5,176	76	227,786	6,834
37	232,254	6,968	77	221,192	6,636
38	229,602	6,889	78	201,210	6,037
39	121,707	3,562	79	147,678	4,431
40	180,457	5,414	80	134,507	4,036

* Independent candidates for Assembly need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district. Because of redistricting this year, the signature requirements are based on the registration as of January 4, 2002.